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Composition for Treating *Chlamydia* Infections And Method for Identifying Same

Abstract

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The invention relates to therapeutic modalities and pharmaceutical compositions for the treatment of *Chlamydia*-infection using cyclophilin polypeptides and its corresponding human cellular binding partner or partners as a target for intervention. The present invention relates to the use of exogenous or engrafted sources of cyclophilins, anti-cyclophilin antibodies, cyclophilin decoys, soluble forms of cyclophilin-binding partners and small molecules which are supplied extracellularly, and act presumably by interrupting the binding of cyclophilin A with its cellular binding partner(s) or receptor(s), as a treatment for *Chlamydia*-infection. The present invention further relates to screening assays for the identification of compounds that inhibit the interaction of cyclophilin and its *Chlamydia* binding partners.

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